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In re the Application of

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For: TONER FOR DEVELOPING AN ELECTROSTATIC LATENT IMAGE,
DEVELOPER, DEVELOPER UNIT, AND METHOD FOR FORMING AN IMAGE

AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the October 28, 2002, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8, 16 and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 11, 18 and 19 as follow:

1. (Amended) A toner for developing an electrostatic latent image comprising:

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a white color toner particle containing at least a binder resin and a colorant, with the particle having a volume average particle diameter of no greater than 14 μm and a concentration of the colorant being 20 to 50% by weight with respect to the binder resin, wherein a ratio of white color toner particles having a particle diameter of no greater than 4 μm is 6 to 25% by number with respect to the total number of the white toner particles; and

an external additive containing a hydrophobic titanium oxide particle having a BET specific surface area of 40 to 250 m^2/g ;